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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2000, with the time for response extended with a two month extension of time to May 12, 2001, please amend the aforementioned patent application as indicated herein.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows. In accordance with rule changes to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, a clean version of the amended claims is presented below. In addition, enclosed herewith is an attachment of a marked up copy with the revisions to the claims shown.

1. (Amended) Method to detect and phenotype target cells in cell suspensions by using particles coated with antibodies directed against antigenic determinants/receptors expressed on the target cells, except when the target cells are malignant and normal haematopoietic and lymphatic cells, wherein 2 to 6 antibodies, each conjugated to a particle, wherein the particle is a fluorescent or dyed particle, are incubated under gentle rotation for about 5 minutes to about 2 hours with cell suspensions containing the target cells at 0°C to 25°C, followed by an enrichment

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